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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT" (*Form PTO/SB/08A*) with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

DE 196 22 882 discloses that a dishwashing appliance has at least part of the wall of the washing zone in surface contact with a latent heat storage (5) at its outer surface, through an intermediate layer. During the drying phase, the intermediate layer gives a thermal conductive action, and is otherwise a heat insulation. The heat storage container (4) is filled with calcium chloride and H₂O.

DE 196 47 567 discloses that the panel is based on a gastight, coarsely porous or coarsely structured insulating material that is cladded and evacuated. the panel has an electrically heatable getter material inside its cladding. The getter material is suitable for adsorption and desorption of hydrogen. The getter material is enclosed by a heat insulation material. The heat conductivity of the heat insulation material is not dependent, or only slight so, upon the gas pressure in the vacuum heat insulation panel. The heat insulation material is micro-porous or nano-porous, e.g. aerogel. The coarsely porous or coarsely structured insulation material has an average pore size of 10 μm to 1 mm, and is formed of, e.g., glass fibres.

DE 197 58 061 discloses that a single container (10) can be operated as a heat exchanger or an insulated storage unit. In one embodiment, the container has two chambers (11,15) and one of its outer walls (12) is connected in a thermally conductive manner to the sidewall (2) of a treatment container of the domestic appliance.

If no translation of pertinent portions of any foreign language patents or publications mentioned within the "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT" is included with the aforementioned copies of those applications, patents and/or publications, it is because no existing translation is readily available to the Applicant. As per the Notice in 1273 OG 55 (August 5, 2003) no copies of any above-mentioned US patents and US patent application publications are submitted for this application which was filed after June 30, 2003.

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